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Office of Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

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Official Statement

This statement is in response to citizen concerns which I have received over the past few days regarding the media attention given to a Glendale, Arizona, police incident which occurred in July of 2017.

As Mayor of the city of Glendale, I want to ensure the public that I have heard your feedback regarding the incident involving the Glendale Police Department.

I assure each of you that our top priority as a Council is public safety—with the expectation of transparency and accountability. I believe that it is imperative that we hold our police officers to the highest professional standards and our citizens have every right to expect nothing less.

This entire incident was subject to an official, critical, comprehensive and independent review in accordance with the Arizona Police Officer Standards and Training procedures and state laws. The review, which occurred when the incident first happened and long before it became public, resulted in disciplinary actions for one officer regarding certain tactics of this complicated event.

In addition, the City forwarded the incident to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for their official review. They notified the City that after their extensive examination, they were declining to pursue criminal prosecution against any of the officers involved.

All of these independent reviews and the disciplinary action happened because of our commitment to accountability and the expectation of a standard of excellence in Glendale.

I have a long history and record of supporting Public Safety, and I do not believe that one incident defines a department or a City. I'm proud that our police officers live in our community, their children go to our schools and they have thousands of positive interactions with the public in the course of their duty every year.

Because this case is currently in litigation, I am limiting my public remarks to this statement, and will not comment further on the incident or on specific details of the case.

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